

Penistone Urban District

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PENISTONE URBAN DISTRICT.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The population of the Urban District was in mid 1937 estimated to be 3,114.

The number of deaths were 21 males and 19 females, a total of 40, leaving a death rate of 12.8, compared with 12.4 for England and Wales. This, in with the other two districts upon which I have reported, disease of the heart and arteries were one of the biggest factors, but, differently from the cases in Hoylandswaine and Thurlstone, cancer caused the death of 6 men and 6 women, Hoylandswaine having no death from this cause and Thurlstone only 2.

During the year 17 boys and 17 girls were born, a total of 34. This gives a birth rate of 10.9 compared with England and Wales 14.9.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Two babies died before reaching the age of 12 months, giving an infantile mortality rate of 59 per 1,000 births compared with England and Wales of 58 per 1,000.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Seven cases of Scarlet Fever and 1 Erysipelas were notified during the year.

Inspections of nuisances, and slaughter-houses, and carcasses have been carried out regularly.

A number of houses have been inspected on several occasions, and in many cases the owners have put the necessary work in hand.

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

The premises have been regularly inspected, and sanitary and fire escape arrangements approved.

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply is of good quality.

The supply has usually been adequate. Steps are being taken to amplify the available amount.

The usual Tables and Statement are appended.

Your obedient servant,

A. GORDON WILSON,

M. O. H.

Statement of Notifications of Infectious Diseases received during the year 1937.

Cases notified or otherwise ascertained :—Scarlet Fever 7 ;
Erysipelas 1.

Cases removed to Hospital :—Scarlet Fever 6.

TABLE C, 1937.

Penistone Urban Sanitary District.

NUISANCE INSPECTIONS—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only—45	
Nuisances found in 1937—5	Total needing abatement—5
Nuisances in hand end of 1936—0	Abated during 1937—5
	Outstanding end of 1937—0
Informal Notices served—0	Complied with—0
Statutory Notices served—0	Complied with—0
Total No. of Summonses or other Legal Proceedings—None	

REGULATED BUILDINGS, TRADES, &c.—

Common Lodging Houses—No. in District, 0 ; No. on Register, 0 ; total No. of Inspections made, 0 ; general condition— Legal proceedings—0	
Houses let in Lodgings—No. in District, 0 ; No. on Register, 0 ; Total No. of Inspections made, 0 ; General Condition—	
Canal Boats—0	
Knackers' Yards—0	
Tents, Vans and Sheds—0 ; No. on Register—0 ; Inspections—0 ; General Condition—	
Offensive Trades—Fishfriers ; No. in District, 0 ; No. on Register, 0 ; Total No. of Inspections made, 0 ; General Condition— Legal Proceedings 0.	
Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No	

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE—

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937—None	
Details of any portion of district still requiring—	
(a) Sewering—None	
(b) Improvement of defective sewers—None	
No. of houses not connected to sewers—3	
Sewage Disposal Works—Particulars of any extensions made during 1937—None	
Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works—No	
Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board—No	

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION—

No. of Privies with open middens—1	
No. of Pail or Tub Closets—2	
No. of Privies with covered middens—80	
No. of Water Closets—502 ; Waste Water Closets—6	
No. of Privies re-constructed during 1937—(a) as W.C.'s, 8 (b) other, 0	
No. of additional Closets provided for old property in 1937— (a) W.C.'s, 0 ; (b) other, 0	
No. of Closets constructed in 1937 for new houses—(a) W.C.'s, 100 ; (b) other, 0	
Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies and pails to W.O. System. If so, what?—Yes, by pressure on owners	

SCAVENGING—

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district?—
Yes

If not, is it in operation in any part of the area. If so please specify—

How is refuse disposed of? Destruction—No Tipping—Yes
Farmers—Yes

If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system?—Bradford system

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—£300

WATER SUPPLY—

Source of supply—From Boreholes

By whom distributed—Penistone U.D. Council

No. of houses on public supply—1004

Any extension of supply during the year—No

Has supply been satisfactory—Yes

(a) In quality—Good (b) In quantity—Good

Any examinations made during the year—

(a) Chemical— Result—No

(b) Bacteriological— Result—No

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where?—No

MILK SUPPLY—

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922?—

(a) For Retailers—Yes

(b) For Cow-keepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes

Have any retailers been removed from the Register?—No

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS, 1936—

1 No. of Licences in force in area for :—

(a) Production of “Tuberculin Tested” Milk—0 ; Samples of designated milks examined bacteriologically :—No. Satisfactory 0 ; Unsatisfactory 0 ; Total 0

(b) Production of “Accredited” Milk—0 ; Samples of designated milk examined bacteriologically :— No. Satisfactory 0 ; Unsatisfactory 0 ; Total 0

(c) In respect of Pasteurising plants—0

No. of Milk samples taken by Officers of L.A. for analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—

No. found adulterated—None

No. of prosecutions—None

No. of samples of Ordinary Milk taken by Officers of L.A. for :

(a) Methylene blue test— (b) Presence of tuberculosis—

Any special examination of Milk for Dirt, *e g*, sedimentation test—

Any instance of disease attributed to milk in 1937—

No. of Cowkeepers in district—11

No. registered—10

Total No. of Cowsheds—17

Total No. of Milk Cows—About 80

Total No. of Cowsheds Inspected during the year--17

Total No. of Cowshed Inspections—Each 4 times

No. of Wholesale Traders Registered—4

No. of Retail Milk Sellers Registered—6

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and methods of production and handling of milk—

MEAT INSPECTION—

Any public abattoir in district ?—No

Total No. of private slaughterhouses—4 Made up of—
Registered ; Licensed—1

No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position, or in other respects—None

Total number of carcasses inspected—

Cows, Calves, Sheep and Lambs, Pigs

Number entirely condemned—

Number of cases where part of carcase or organs condemned—

Number of prosecutions and results—

PUBLIC HEALTH (MEAT) REGULATIONS, 1924—

Meat marking : Is scheme in force under above ?—

If so, give particulars of action under same—

OTHER FOODS—

No. of samples (other than Milk) taken by Officers of L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs (Adulteration) Act, 1928—None

No. found adulterated—0 No. of Prosecutions—

No. of Bakehouses in district— Total Inspections—

Are any of bakehouses underground, if so, how many ?—

SCHOOLS—

No. of Schools in District—2

No. visited by M.O.H.—

Action taken—

Schools closed by M.O.H.—

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS—

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration taken during 1937—None

No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke—None

No. of cautions issued—None

No. of statutory notices issued—None

No. of prosecutions—None

SHOPS ACT 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3)—

No. of Visits paid under the above Act during 1937—12

Unsatisfactory conditions found—None

Remedied—

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS, etc.

No. in District—2

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase?—No

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4) Public Health Act, 1936?—

Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936?—

Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this type of dwelling—No

If so, give particulars—None

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS—

Please state :—

No. of Council houses found to be infected—None

Other houses found to be infested—None

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs?—No action necessary

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses?—No action necessary

Is the work of disinfection carried out by the local authority or by a contractor?—

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS—

Are there in the district :—

(a) Any public swimming baths or pools?—No

(b) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public?—No

If so, give brief particulars of each and state what action is taken to ensure satisfactory condition of the water—

(c) Any samples of bath examined, apart from samples submitted to the County Bacteriological Laboratory. If so give particulars—No

ADOPTIVE ACTS in force in the District—

Please give complete list stating also if all Act has been adopted, and if not, what Parts or Sections are in force—

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS in force in District

Please give complete list of Bye-laws and Regulations in force, and date of adoption in every case—

INFANT MORTALITY—

Any suggestions?—

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937?—

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES—

Diseases specially prevalent in 1937— State months—

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list—

Any influences threatening the health of the District—

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever Cases? (for areas autonomous under the M. & C.W. Act, 1918)—

At Home—

In Hospital—

ISOLATION HOSPITALS—

General Infectious Diseases—

Address of Hospital—

Any change or extension in 1937—

Any disease in addition to Scarlet Fever, Enteric Fever or Diphtheria (*e.g.* Pneumonia) treated in Infectious Diseases Hospital—

Name of Authority controlling—

Smallpox—

Address of Hospital—

Any change or extension in 1937—

Name of Authority controlling—

GENERAL HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONS—

(a) General and Accident—

Children's—

(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage—

(c) Maternity (Homes)— Address —

AMBULANCE SERVICES—

For General Sick and Accident Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Bridge End Garage, Penistone ; Ownership, Penistone & District Ambulance Committee ; Type of Ambulance, Motor Vehicle ; Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient, None ; Charges (if any) to patients in district, None

For General Infectious Disease Cases—

Location of Ambulance, Isolation Hospital ; Ownership, Local Authority ; Type of Ambulance, Motor Vehicle ; Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient, Yes ; Charges (if any) to patients in district, None

For Smallpox—

Location of Ambulance, Isolation Hospital ; Ownership, Local Authority ; Type of Ambulance, Motor Vehicle ; Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient, Yes ; Charges (if any) to patients in district,

If ambulance of another Authority is used, please state terms and conditions—None

MORTUARIES. What accommodation—

- (a) for accidents—Yes
- (b) for infectious cases other than at hospital—No
- (c) for other purposes—Yes
- (d) for post mortem examinations—Yes
- Any suggestions by M.O.H.—

BACTERIOLOGY (County Laboratory)—

Any suggestions?—

BURNING SPOIL BANKS.

Any nuisance therefrom? If so, please give particulars—

SANITARY STAFF

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.—£40

Name of Sanitary Inspector—F. Swift

Annual Salary as Inspector—£60

Other Appointments held— Salary for such other appointments—
Surveyor and Water Engineer, £189

Any Assistants?—No

Is Staff sufficient?—No

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by
Ministry of Health—

SPECIAL REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS ON ANY SUBJECTS—

SUPPLEMENTARY REMARKS as to Sanitary Requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H., and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries. Any suggestions as to need for County Clinics or Dispensaries, or as to existing Clinics or Dispensaries—

HOUSING STATISTICS.

*Table D.**Year 1937.*

Summary of Housing Work showing the action taken under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1925; the Housing Act, 1930, and the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932, or matters arising therefrom.

1.—*Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.*

1. *a* Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—13
- b* Number of inspections made for the purpose—13
2. *a* Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—
- b* Number of inspections made for the purpose—
- 3 Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—6
- a* Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—6
- b* Number (excluding those in sub-head *a* above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—
- Totals of 3—*a* and *b* should equal figure given for (3)

2.—*Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.*

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their Officers—0

3.—*Action under Statutory Powers during the year.*

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936.

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—16
2. No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—Work in hand
- a* By owners—Yes
- b* By Local Authority in default of owners—None

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

1. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—16
2. No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—Work in hand
- a* By owners—Yes
- b* By Local Authority in default of owners—0

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13, Housing Act, 1936

1. No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation—3
2. No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—3
3. No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—0

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

1. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Olosing Orders were made—0
2. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Olosing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—0

4—*Unhealthy Areas*

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto—

5—*Number of new houses erected during the year 1937.*

<i>a</i> By the Local Authority	...	...	40
<i>b</i> By private enterprise	...	...	63
Total			103

6.—*Housing Conditions.*

1. Total number of houses in the District—1007
2. Number of working-class houses included in above—
3. General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses—
4. Any special activity in house building, if so, where?—Mortimer Road and Sheffield Road
5. Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, give particulars—46
6. Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936—No

7.—*Town Planning.*

1. Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee? If so, which?—
2. Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for
 - a* The whole of the District—
 - b* Part of the District—
 If so, give particulars of scheme—
3. Have Council during 1937 passed a resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? If so, does it relate to
 - a* Whole District—
 - b* Part of District—
 If part only, please state which part—

8.—Name and address of Officer designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—Fred Swift, 7 Mortimer Road, Penistone

9—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your district, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken—

10—*Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding*

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—1

(2) Number of families dwelling therein—1

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein—11

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—

(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—

(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—

(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—

Signed

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Medical Officer of Health

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the year 1937, for the

URBAN DISTRICT OF PENISTONE,

In the County of The West Riding, Yorkshire,

on the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act,
1901, in connection with

Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

1.—Inspection of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors
or Inspectors of Nuisances.

	Inspections,		
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	...	...	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	...	...	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	...	...	48
	Total		<u>48</u>

2.—Defects found in Factories, Workshops & Workplaces

Nuisances under the Public Health Acts—None

Offences under the Factory and Workshop Act—None

Outwork in Unwholesome Premises, Section 108.

None

